

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application of:

Grasso et al.

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Group Art Unit: 1645

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For:

METHODS FOR GENERATING ENHANCED ANTIBODY-PRODUCING

CELL LINES WITH IMPROVED GROWTH CHARACTERISTICS

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

This Preliminary Amendment is being filed concurrently with a Sequence Listing,
Statement to Support Filing and Submission of the Sequence Listing, and executed
Declaration, and requisite fee.

Prior to an examination on the merits, please amend the application as follows.